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PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION REGARDING THE VIDEO RELAY SERVICE (VRS) INTERIM PER-MINUTE COMPENSATION RATE

CC DOCKET NO. 98-67

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

Comments Due: August 26, 2003

Reply Comments Due: September 5, 2003

On July 30, 2003, AT&T Corporation, Communication Services for the Deaf, Inc., Hands On Video Relay Services, Inc., Sorenson Media, Inc., and Sprint Corporation filed Petitions for Reconsideration¹ of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau's June 30, 2003 *Order*² setting forth, in part, an interim per-minute compensation rate for video relay service (VRS) of \$7.751. The petitioners request that the Commission approve the VRS per-minute rate of \$14.023 proposed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) in its June 19, 2003, supplemental filing,³ and that this rate be retroactive to July 1, 2003.

Oppositions to these petitions must be filed on or before August 26, 2003. Replies to these oppositions must be filed on or before September 5, 2003. When filing comments, please reference **CC Docket No. 98-67**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking

¹ See AT&T Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket 98-67, filed July 30, 2003; Communication Services for the Deaf Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket 98-67, filed July 30, 2003; Hands On Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket 98-67, filed July 30, 2003; Sorenson Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket 98-67, filed July 30, 2003; Sprint Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket 98-67, filed July 30, 2003.

² See *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, Order, CC Docket No. 98-67, DA 03-2111 (released June 30, 2003).

³ See NECA, *Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services Fund Payment Formula and Fund Size Estimate*, Supplemental Filing, filed June 19, 2003.

numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Services mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554.

Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette. These diskettes should be submitted, along with three paper copies, to: Traci Randolph, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-C304 Washington DC 20554. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Word 97 or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in this case, CC Docket No. 98-67, type of pleading (comment or reply comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy - Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are subject to disclosure.

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